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Representative Kevin A. Elsenheimer  
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Dear Representative Elsenheimer,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Michigan members of the ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio.

We have reviewed H-1 Substitute for House Bill 4544. We find that this proposal eliminates a major issue that has plagued individuals on many occasions and also substantially reduces unnecessary paperwork. For these reasons, we offer our enthusiastic support for this legislation.

At issue is the fact that under the current law, radio amateurs are occasionally having their equipment confiscated by police officers who are unaware that radio amateurs are permitted to have monitoring equipment in their vehicles. Your proposed legislation should correct this issue, allow citizens to monitor the airwaves under current Federal Law and reduce the paperwork burden upon the Michigan State Police who under current law, must issue permits to non-radio amateurs (like volunteer firefighters) so they can employ vehicular public safety receivers.

Our thanks to you and your staff for allowing us to have timely input on this issue

Regards,

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